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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A medical device for distal protection during open surgical repair of an aortic aneurysm, comprising:

an elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end;  
a first expandable filter mounted fixed at the distal end of the elongate member;  
a second expandable filter mounted fixed at the distal end of the elongate member;

a mechanism for expanding the first filter independently of the second filter; and  
a mechanism for expanding the second filter independently of the first filter.

12. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein the elongate member is a wire.

13. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, further comprising a sheath that covers the first and second filters and is removable from the filters by sliding proximally.

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14. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein the first filter is distal to the second filter.

15. (Original) The medical device of claim 14, wherein a distal end of the first filter is bonded to the elongate member and a proximal end of the first filter is expandable.

16. (Original) The medical device of claim 14, wherein a proximal end of the second filter is bonded to the elongate member and a distal end of the second filter is expandable.

17. (Original) The medical device of claim 11, wherein the first expandable filter comprises a plurality of struts and a mesh bonded to the struts, each strut having a proximal end and a distal end that is closely associated with the elongate member.

18-47. (Canceled)